

Rules & Regulations
Lansing Parks & Recreation
4th of July Parade - 2008
Parade Start Time - 11:00 a.m.
Friday, July 4th, 2008

ENTRY INFORMATION – We ask that you read through the following rules and safety requirements before filling out and returning your application.

- ★ Final Entry Deadline – ***Friday, June 27, 2008***
- ★ Entries must be returned to: Lansing Parks & Recreation
 Gier Community Center
 2400 Hall Street
 Lansing, MI 48906
 Fax: (517) 377-0075 or akostin@lansnigmi.gov
- ★ All entries will be reviewed and approved by the Parade Committee prior to participation.
- ★ Entries in the parade may not exceed 14 feet in height and **MUST** be decorated, including political entries.

A reminder, there will be no walking units- individuals must be in a vehicle – no walking units will be accepted. **Exceptions will include, but are not limited to;** bands, cheer units, color guard, animals & owners, and clowns.
- ★ We reserve the right to reject any entry that does not comply with the general parade rules and regulations, is a safety concern, or is not in good taste or in the best interest of the 4th of July Parade.

PARADE ROUTE/STAGING AREA

- ★ The parade route is Allegan Street East to Capitol, North to Ottawa, Ottawa West. Staging will take place on Allegan Street in the parking lot behind the Hall of Justice.
- ★ The parade staging area will be unavailable for parking vehicles that are not in the parade. This means - **ABSOLUTELY NO CARS** will be able to enter this area if they are not part of the Parade. There will be parking available in the surrounding neighborhoods.
- ★ Port-A-Johns will be available on-site.

PARADE LINE UP

- ★ Entrants will be sent the information on the parade line-up and last minute instructions. This information will tell you exactly where your unit will appear in the parade.
- ★ Because of the congestion in the staging area, only those vehicles registered in the actual parade will be permitted in the staging area.
- ★ To ensure that the announcer on the reviewing stand correctly identifies your entry, all parade participants must remain in the designated order throughout the entire parade.
- ★ Complete line up information and further instructions will be included in a mailing to all entrants prior to July 3, 2008.

✧ **Parade starts at 11:00 a.m. Line-up begins at 10:00 a.m.**

SAFETY/LIABILITY

- I. The liability release statement must be signed by everyone participating in the parade. This release is included on bottom of the enclosed application.
- II. All children must have adult supervision.
- III. **Throwing of candy or other items from vehicles or floats is against City ordinance and will not be permitted.** Handouts will be permitted on the sidewalks only.
- IV. In accordance with local fire regulations, every float, motorized or horse drawn entry shall be equipped with a class (A,B,C) fire extinguisher. All units will be checked for fire extinguisher.
- V. For your safety, floats/vehicles shall be brought to a complete stop before participants climb on or off the vehicle. Only emergency stops shall be allowed during the parade procession.
- VI. The travel speed in the parade route shall be the average walking speed or approximately 3 miles per hour. Please do not allow large gaps to occur between your entry and others.
- VII. No explosives or fireworks of any kind shall be allowed during the parade. Any entries that are exceptionally noisy (horns, antique muskets, sirens etc.) must be noted on the application.
- VIII. Responsibility for the disposal of trash and other debris rests with the parade participants. We encourage everyone in keeping our city beautiful. Those units with animals must clean up any residue prior to vacating the area. Floats and other entry material shall be removed from the site by 5:30 p.m.

Questions? Call 483-4313

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